

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2774

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 1917

DEPT. PLEASE PASS TO INDIAN OCEAN COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, XO, UR, US, MY  
SUBJECT: ROUND IV: U.S.-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS: MALAYSIAN  
REACTION

REF: A) STATE 50065 (NOTAL), B) KUALA LUMPUR 1647 (NOTAL),  
C) STATE 46020

1. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED MFA SECRETARY GENERAL  
ZAKARIA ON LATEST ROUND (FEB. 7-17) OF U.S.-SOVIET  
INDIAN OCEAN TALKS, DRAWING ON PARAS. TWO AND  
THREE AND FIRST POINT OF PARA. FOUR OF REF C.  
ZAKARIA'S ONLY QUESTION WAS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE  
U.S. EXPRESSION OF CONCERN TO THE RUSSIANS RE  
THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA WHICH WE  
VIEW AS BEING INCONSISTENT WITH BOTH THE  
SPIRIT AND SUBSTANCE OF THESE TALKS, AS HE  
WONDERED WHAT THE SOVIET REACTION TO THIS HAD  
BEEN. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH HE  
DID NOT KNOW THEIR REACTION, THE STATEMENT ITSELF IS CONSISTENT  
WITH SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY USG SPOKESMAN ELSEWHERE.

2. COMMENT: THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET PRESENCE  
AND INTENTIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION REMAINS  
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ONE OF KEEN INTEREST TO THE GOM. DURING  
CODEL WOLFF'S VISIT HERE LAST JANUARY FOREIGN  
MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN COMMENTED THAT THE GOM  
WELCOMES THESE TALKS AND HOPES THEY WILL LEAD  
NOT ONLY TO A STABILIZATION OF FORCES BUT TO  
AN ACTUAL REDUCTION. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT  
THE MALAYSIANS WELCOME OUR KEEPING THEM BRIEFED

ON THE STATUS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

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